



Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us



"Other seeds fell
on good soil,
where it produced
a hundred, sixty
or thirty times
what was sown."



St. John the Baptist
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The Sunday Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

The parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil. To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

Collections Last Weekend July 5th - \$1, 724

Collections Weekend June 28 - \$1, 114

Weekday Masses

Wed July 15, 11am Mass- *For safety
of all Covid-19 Front Liners*

Thurs July 16, 11am Mass- *For all
souls in purgatory*

Friday July 17, 11am Mass- *For all
sick in the parish*

Weekend Masses

Sunday July 19, 9am- *Port Severn- People of the parish*

Sunday July 19, 11am- *Honey Harbour - +Kenneth Corbier by
Mark Vessair*

Important Links

https://youtu.be/Zd_iN2rL6QE Youtube Mass of Tom Lynch – 15th Sunday Ordinary Time

<https://www.ladyofmercyhoneyharbour.ca> - Our parish website

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/848623575RR0008-our-lady-of-mercy-church/> - Online Donation to Our Lady of Mercy Honey Harbour

www.peterboroughdiocese.org – Diocese of Peterborough

Announcements

Face Mask Mandatory - The Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit has ordered that a face covering must be worn in places of worship as of Monday, July 13, 2020. This Order aligns with the By-law passed in the City of Toronto. The thinking behind the Health Unit's Order is that the Simcoe-Muskoka area receives many visitors from the GTA either as summer residents or cottagers. Therefore, in view of this population influx into the area, the Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit issued an Order making the use of face coverings mandatory in all public places, including places of worship. The Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit is the only Health Unit in the Diocese of Peterborough that has made the use of face coverings mandatory.

Bishop Miehm – People are gradually making the return to Church, although we know not everyone will be back immediately – especially those at greater risk from COVID-19. I have continued to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass while we confront this serious health risk. We continue to tape and broadcast the Sunday Mass from our Cathedral, which may be viewed on YourTV Peterborough at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, on YourTV Muskoka.

Volunteers - Thank You to all of our volunteers who have responded quickly and with enthusiasm to help our Parish follow the COVID-19 Guidelines during our Sunday Masses. We truly appreciate your support during these challenging times.

No Saturday Mass @ Port Severn - Due to COVID-19 and the unavailability of enough volunteers, there will be NO Saturday evening Mass in Port Severn but only 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday and 11:00 AM Mass at Honey Harbour.

HH Church Façade/Entrance – Happy to announce the completion of the renovation of the entrance part of the church in Honey Harbour.



Old stairs



New Stairs



Old Front



New Front

Provincial Specific Stage 3 Changes not yet Clear - The Global News July 6 - Premier Ford and his top ministers remain guarded about the province's plans to move toward stage three. For the Diocese, Phase 3 return to work will mean an increase to 75% staffing norms, followed by a Phase 4 full reopening. The Diocese continues to be unsure if the province will make any changes or modifications to our church's capacities currently 30%. Bishop Miehm will provide any communications on this as it becomes available.

Important Reminders During Pandemic

Pray always. Stay at home as much as possible. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. Observe physical distance. Wear a face mask or face shield when physical distancing is not possible. Connect with others virtually. Say "thank you" to frontline staff and community workers.

Prayer During Pandemic: O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.